

3:35PM - Start of Meeting

√1. Serenity Prayer

Opened the meeting with the serenity Prayer

√2. Readings

- Twelve Traditions
 - Updated Thirty Seconds of Silence POLICY
 - Voting Policy (Someone Volunteered to be vote counter)
 - Timer Policy (Someone Volunteered for announcing the Time every 15 minutes)
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√3. Attendee Introductions

- From Registrar (in chat)
 - Please sign in for your meetings at: [<https://forms.gle/gggWH83oaKAmw6cv7> If you represent more than one meeting, please fill out the form for each meeting.
 - If you are present in person, please sign in with the registrar in the front of the room.
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√4. Take Count of Voting Members

- Voting members are either intergroup reps (representing a meeting) or committee representatives. People representing multiple meetings or committees count as only one vote.
 - There were **11** voting members on Zoom and **18** in the room, for a total of **28** voting members.
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5. Officer & Committee Reports

√**Secretary – (Jayk)** – secretary@slaalosangeles.org

√**Record Keeper – (Danny)**

See last month's minutes in Google Drive Intergroup folder:
<https://tinyurl.com/2cxuu6px>

Minutes are Approved!

√ **Treasurer Jamie P**

√ **Bottom Line Editor - Eoin Thomas**

√ **Meeting Registrar**

Virtual Meeting Registrar - Kristen

virtualmeetings@slaalosangeles.org

√ **Phone Line – Katy**

√ **Literature – Claire**

√ **Journal Rep – Mona**

√ **Webmaster - Dave**

Spanish Language - not present

√Workshops & Retreats - Manuel

√H&I Committee - Rachel

r-h-i@slaalosangeles.org

√ Speaker List Keeper - Alex

speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org

Literature Copier – (Open)

Audio Library Committee - Kye

slaalosangeles.org/audio

√ ABM Delegates - Sent 4 Delegates

FWS Conference Committees:

Literature Committee Conduit – Gil

Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Not Present

Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit - Noah

Translation Committee Conduit – JOE

Diversity Committee Conduit – Isador

SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees - Not Present

SLAA FWS Board of Trustees - Not Present

6. Old Business

7. New Business

Motion 1: Motion to have Intergroup be In-Person only, continuing at the current location 2930 Hyperion for the year of 2023

Info or Questions:

- 1) Meeting still representing Zoom and In-Person meetings, just no Zoom option for participating in the meetings?
 - a) Yes. Just no participation online on Zoom
- 2) What about if there is a health statement from LA Health to be online?
 - a) No relevant
- 3) It would be difficult for meetings that are close to same time as intergroup
- 4) Is inclusivity paramount to exclusivity the same in SLAA as it is AA?
 - a) Yes we are inclusive, but we are here voting for intergroup
- 5) For high-risk and elderly, can we provide an audio recording?
 - a) There is no reason that this could not happen
 - b) Can there be a friendly amendment to include an audio recording?
 - i) We send out minutes and bullet points so is there a need
- 6) On our website, the flyers and minutes are available for anyone to see. Everyone always has access to the google doc with all the information and reports as well. This is only for intergroup.
- 7) It is easier to have the captions, and although group conscious trumps all, the captions would be nice
- 8) We had talked about other spaces with hybrid systems available
 - a) We know about one, but other two spaces we don't know about the info, however, the motion is to remain here in person only.

****Request for Amendment to include an audio recording****

This will be a separate amendment for next month, if the individual would like to make an amendment regarding this situation.

PROS and CONS

PRO: Support the motion. It can get us to next month, and if this passes, then next month we can continue discussion about moving to another venue.

PRO: Statement: Some confusion about the previous statement, because the motion is for the year, not the month. For audio recording, but not part of the discussion for today. As of next month, we do not have the ability to have the hybrid. There is a pro to be face to face, and the motion maker wants to be inclusive. However, if individuals cannot come, they can find a replacement. Trying to swing back into the fellowship as a whole coming back to face to face.

PRO: While it may affect me, as he is out in Palm Springs, but without the tech and the space option, in person just makes sense.

CON: This day in a post covid world, people have adapted their lives to online meetings. Therefore, we may be limiting the spiritual experience of those who want to be here.

PRO: Finding someone to come to intergroup if one cannot come is reasonable. Inclusivity is paramount, but because we have so many meetings, it is logical that you should be able to find someone.

CON: This is a group of people who are all over the US who come to my meeting, and we just will not be able to come to the meeting. Just going to take some time to find someone in our group in Los Angeles to represent the group at IG.

PRO: The cost associated with getting tech, as well as the logistics, and we do not have any solutions to those problems. Intergroup should be in person, and you can be of service in other ways that do not require you to be the intergroup rep if you cannot or do not want to make it into the in person

CON: If we do this, it is going to exclude a lot of people. If we have to make a choice between in person and only zoom, I would be for only zoom.

CON: Prefer in-person, but if a meeting goes without an intergroup rep for a long time, or someone going to IG, they get taken off the list. So we are not letting people who are doing the work, not letting their voice be heard but removing the virtual option.

CON: The technology is actually pretty simple, and we can do it effectively and zoom is pretty effective as well. We could figure out a different solution to distribute literature, and we could save money going back fully online. It would be highly accommodating to people who cannot come. WE can table this and vote to be fully on Zoom next time.

CON: I see the need for having inclusivity and the votes for those who are virtual. I see a laptop, and a phone, and devices that are capable of making it hybrid, therefore, it is not a valid argument that we do not have the technology.

PRO: We do not have any of the tech equipment, and no one is volunteering to run the stuff right now, it is mine (the secretary). We have a safe room in a Covid environment. IG has been in person for decades until Covid has it, and there is no reason for it to be not in person. We can get literature, chips, and bottom lines here. It is not cheaper here on Zoom, because we are not getting the funds we could get if it was only in person. Over the last four months, the balance of attendees has shifted from online to in person. It is a Los Angeles intergroup too, even though out of states join.

Information: Virtual meeting list person, and was not trained to take off meetings who do not come to IG rep.

Information: Virtual meetings existed pre-pandemic, and a lot started during the pandemic as well, and there are other IG across the globe. There are other cities and places to be a part of an IG for.

Some of those facts are incorrect. Not everyone has an IG.

CON: Treasurer commitment is two years. To be honest, it is a really interesting time for DEI, and that being said, it is important to provide a space for all to come. We need to find more time to find a hybrid solution. Amendment to make this not for the whole year, but until we can make it a hybrid again. We do not have the funding for a hard-of-hearing interpreter, and hybrid is the best solution at the moment,

****Request for Amendment proposal:** Make this until we can make it hybrid, not for the full year

Amendment proposal is denied:

11 For in room 0 for online

9 against in person, and 12 online.

THE MOTION DOES NOT PASS

ELECTIONS

Bottom Line Editor: Eoin Thomas Volunteers to do it again.

Eoin Thomas Unanimously voted in.

H&I Chair: Max nominates himself

Max unanimously voted in

Audio Committee Chair: Jayk accepts nomination, David nominates himself

Vote against Pros and Cons

[REDACTED]

Jayk is elected

Literature Rep Assistant: Jake volunteers himself

Jake Unanimously voted in

Workshops and Retreat: Garrett accepts nomination

Garrett elected in

8. Announcements for the Good of the Order

December 15th is the deadline if you would like to submit your story for the anniversary edition of the basic text. slaafws.org/50bt

If you have a meeting and if it will be impacted by holidays, let webmaster now

Bay Area is having a New Years retreat. Sign up online.

No mini marathons for Church and New Years in person.

Journals are free online. Next question is about different sexual cycles. Submissions are due January 13th.

9. Adjournment

- 5:00PM - Meeting was ended at. Close meeting w/ "WE" version of the Serenity Prayer.
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